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## Questions for the Expert Panel Review of the Addendum to *In Vitro* Ocular Toxicity Draft Background Review Documents

- 1. Is the information provided in the Addendum to the November 2004 BRDs appropriate for inclusion in the accuracy and reliability analyses? Are there any errors or omissions that should be corrected?
- 2. Based on the revised accuracy and reliability analyses for each *in vitro* test method for identifying ocular corrosives and severe irritants, does this new information provide the basis for any changes in the Panel's conclusions and recommendations made at the January 11-12, 2005 meeting? If so, please describe the changes and the rationale for each.
- 3. Is the revised list of proposed reference substances, selected from the list of available candidate substances, sufficiently adequate and complete for validation studies to evaluate the usefulness and limitations of *in vitro* test methods proposed for identifying ocular severe irritants and corrosives<sup>1</sup>? If not, please describe any recommended changes and the rationale for each.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This list of proposed reference substances is intended to represent the minimum number and types of substances considered necessary to adequately evaluate the usefulness and limitations of *in vitro* ocular irritancy test methods proposed for identifying ocular severe irritants and corrosives. The list represents a broad range of chemical and product classes, and physical/chemical properties. Subsets of substances from this list may be considered for initial assessment of accuracy and reliability, optimization of a test method protocol, validation of test methods that are functionally and mechanistically similar to a validated ocular irritancy test method, proficiency testing to ensure the competency of a laboratory in performing a validated ocular irritancy test method, or for evaluating a test method proposed for identifying substances with a narrower range of defined properties.